

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants thank the Examiner for withdrawing the previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Claims 1, 3-7 and 9-11 are all the claims pending in the application, claim 12 having been canceled as indicated herein. Claims 1, 4-7 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Prandoni et al. (U.S. Patent 7,042,493) in view of Tam et al. (U.S. Patent 5,754,186). Claims 3 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Prandoni et al. (U.S. Patent 7,042,493), Tam et al. (U.S. Patent 5,754,186) and further in view of Seedholm, Peter, "Print Screen Button Tutorial" (<http://www.ibiblio.org/virtualcell/Tutor1/TandR/prtsr.html>), hereinafter referred to as Seedholm. Claims 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Prandoni et al. (U.S. Patent 7,042,493), Tam et al. (U.S. Patent 5,754,186) and further in view of Dempsey et al. (U.S. Publication 2004/0155902 A1).

§ 103(a) Rejections (Prandoni / Tam) - Claims 1, 4-7, and 10

With respect to independent claim 1, Applicants submit that the applied references do not disclose the features set forth in amended independent claim 1, including the feature, "wherein the predetermined time is set to be greater than or equal to a processing time of the drawing processing apparatus, said processing time being a duration starting from a time when the selected image is cut out to a time when the combined image information is displayed on the display section," as recited in amended claim 1.

In amended Claim 1, the static image information can be periodically cut out and the input drawings static information can be periodically extracted, at intervals of a predetermined time (ΔT). And, the predetermined time (ΔT) can be set to be greater than or equal to the

processing time (Δt) of the drawing processing apparatus. The processing time can be a duration starting from a time when a selected image is cut out to a time when the combined image information is displayed on the display section.

Applicants submit that the applied references fail to disclose or suggest each and every one of the features set forth in amended claim 1, including the above-quoted feature.

The Examiner appears to believe that the drawing information of Tam is extracted every predetermined time since Tam discloses performing a pen process drawing when a pen input is received (see page 4, lines 17-19 of the Office Action). However, in the claimed invention, as recited in claim 1, for example, the predetermined time (ΔT) can be set with respect to the capability (the processing time Δt consumed by the apparatus for displaying the combined image information from a time when the selected image is cut out) of the apparatus.

Therefore, at least based on the foregoing, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over the applied references, either alone or in combination.

Applicant submits that independent claims 7 and 10 are patentable at least based on reasons similar to those set forth above with respect to claim 1. Applicant submits that dependent claims 4-6 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependencies from independent claim 1.

§ 103(a) Rejections (Prandoni / Tam / Seedholm) - Claims 3 and 9

Applicant submits that dependent claims 3 and 9 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependencies from independent claims 1 and 7, respectively. Seedholm does not make up for the deficiencies of the other applied references.

§ 103(a) Rejections (Prandoni / Tam / Dempksi) - Claims 11 and 12

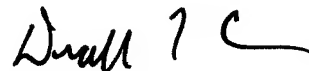
Applicant submits that independent claim 11 is patentable at least based on reasons similar to those set forth above with respect to independent claim 1. Dempski does not make up for the deficiencies of the other applied references.

Claim 12 is canceled as indicated herein without prejudice or disclaimer.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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